

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Simon Shamoun
Secretary Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, Michael Coppotelli, Gino A. Marmorato, Jodi Morales, Keith Sullivan, Patricia Anne Taylor, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUESTS: Kate Doran, The League of Women Voters

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2022, December 13, 2022 and January 10, 2023 Commissioners Meetings.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir, who was the President at the time, and Commissioner Marmorato were not present for the December 2, 2022 meeting.

President Shamoun moved to adopt the minutes of the December 2, 2022 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, with Secretary Pepe-Souvenir and Commissioner Marmorato abstaining. The motion was adopted.

President Shamoun, who was the Secretary at that time, as well as Commissioner Umane and Commissioner Sullivan were not present for the December 13, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Umane requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that he did appear remotely, but was not at a publicly accessible location, and therefore did not cast any votes.

The amendment will be made to the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. The established rule moving forward, it will be noted with an asterisk to indicate when a Commissioner is in attendance, but not for voting purposes.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir moved to adopt the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion, with

President Shamoun, Commissioner Umame and Commissioner Sullivan abstaining, the motion was adopted.

Commissioner Morales and Commissioner Taylor were not present for the January 10, 2023 Commissioners Meeting.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir moved to adopt the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Commissioners Meeting. President Shamoun seconded the motion, with Commissioner Morales and Commissioner Taylor abstaining, the motion was adopted.

Item #1 of the meeting agenda was concluded.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, a report on the 2023 Election Commissioners' Association's (ECA) Winter Conference, which was held in Albany, New York, on January 17, 2023 through January 20, 2023.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged Kate Doran, from the League of Women Voters, who is present at today's meeting.

Ms. Doran addressed the Commissioners Committee, and stated that the League of Women Voters and some of their partner organizations attended last week's ECA conference, and stated that her group was prohibited from attending many of the user groups, noting that this was not the case during the past.

Mr. Ryan informed Ms. Doran that the New York City Board of Elections is not a member of the governing body of the ECA, and suggested that Ms. Doran direct her concerns to the ECA and stated that he will provide her with the contact information of the governing body at the ECA where she can address her concerns.

Mr. Ryan provided some general remarks on the ECA Conference, and stated that there was a nice compliment of staff that attended, which included President Shamoun, Secretary Pepe-Souvenir and Commissioner Coppotelli, along with the Executive Management team and Bart Haggerty, the Deputy Chief Clerk of Queens County.

Mr. Ryan stated that the Board fully participated in the different groups and segments of the conference, and Mr. Haggerty gave a presentation and shared his expertise on the Ranked Choice Voting process, based on his years of experience in conducting the hand-counts in Queens County.

Following the general remarks on the Election Commissioners' Association's Winter Conference, Commissioner Umane moved to schedule the next meeting of the Commissioners for Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. Secretary Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Shamoun moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

The following actions were taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

1. Joseph Cintron, an Administrative Associate, was granted 140 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective January 19, 2023.

Mr. Cintron's agency start date is May 6, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday,
January 31, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.